

Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

Deadline: High resolution photos must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2025.

Submission Specifications:

- File format: must be a .png or .jpg
- Photos must have been taken in Baca County, Colorado.
- No people, borders, signatures or watermarks allowed in the photo(s)
- No AI-generated photos will be accepted

General:

- All submissions must be emailed to **photo@firstfarmbank.com**
 - Email submissions must include the following:
 - Entrant's Full Name
 - Entrant's Phone Number
 - A short description of where the photo was taken
- Submitted photos must be the work of the participant and have no identifying marks
- Post-production and digital manipulation is allowed; however, the integrity of the subject matter must be kept
- First FarmBank reserves the right to cancel or suspend the competition due to technical issues or any other causes beyond the control of our team
- First FarmBank reserves the right to remove or refuse any entries for any reason

Eligibility

- This contest is open to both professional and amateur photographers who are 13 years of age or older as of the date of entry. Minors under the age of 18 may enter the contest; however, if selected as a winner, a signed release form from a parent or legal guardian is required in order to:
 - Authorize the use and publication of the submitted photograph (portrait)
 - Release identifying information about the minor photographer
 - Permit public recognition and prize distribution
- Failure to provide a signed parent/legal guardian release upon selection will result in disqualification, and an alternate winner may be selected. By submitting an entry, participants (and their parent/guardian if under 18) acknowledge and agree to these terms.
- First FarmBank employees are allowed to enter the competition but should they enter, they may not take part in the Contest Committee

Judging and Selection

- The quantity of winning photos will be determined by the Contest Committee. Participants must accept the committee's selections as final
- Winner will be contacted no later than September 30, 2025

Prize

- Each winner will receive either a framed print or canvas print (up to the discretion of the building committee) to match that which will be displayed in the Springfield branch and a \$50 gift card to Flavor Trail.

Participant retains copyright of all submitted images and descriptions. By entering the competition, you grant First FarmBank and its partners a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to publish images for any purpose directly connected with the competition. This includes: display at the Springfield, Colo. First FarmBank branch, First FarmBank's website and social media. First FarmBank will always mention the entrant's full name in connection with the publication of the submitted images. By entering the contest by submitting your image(s) via email, you are deemed to have accepted the rules.



How to Take High Resolution Photos With Your Phone

iPhone:

Enable Apple ProRAW and ProRAW & Resolution Control in the Camera Settings

1. Open Settings
2. Go to Camera
3. Tap on Formats
4. Enable ProRAW and ProRAW & Resolutions Control (depending on your iPhone model)
5. Open the Camera App
6. Turn on ProRAW (tap the RAW button to enable ProRAW capture)
7. Take your photo

Android:

1. Open the Camera App and navigate to the settings menu
2. Look for options related to image size, picture size or resolution
3. Select the highest resolution available
4. You can also shoot photographs in HDR mode

Tips for great photographs:

- **Use a tripod:** a tripod can help stabilize your phone and prevent blurry photos, allowing you to capture sharper images
- **Compose your shots carefully:**
 - **Follow the rule of thirds** – this rule dictates that an image should be divided into vertical and horizontal thirds so that you have nine equal sections. The subject of the photo should then be placed along one of those lines or at one of the intersections. This will create a more pleasing and balanced photo.
 - **Use leading lines** – leading lines help lead the eye into the photo and toward the subject. They can be created by several things, such as roads, fences, rivers, or even people walking through the scene.
 - **Establish a frame** – you can use things like doorways, windows, arches, or even trees to frame your subject. This will help to create a sense of depth and dimension in your photo.
 - **Use negative space and simplicity** – negative space is the area around your subject. It's important to leave some negative space in your photo so that your subject doesn't get lost. Too much positive space can make a photo feel crowded and chaotic. Likewise, simplicity is always best when it comes to composition. When you're shooting, keep the focus and avoid visual clutter and distractions.

